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SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE EGYPTIAN-YUGOSLAV-INDIAN ECONOMIC MEETING

1. YUGOSLAV AMB AUGUSTIN PAPIC TELLS US THAT
TRIPARTITE EGYPTIAN-YUGOSLAV-INDIAN ECONOMIC MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE IN CAIRO FOR PERIOD MAY 2 THROUGH 4.
EGYPTIAN MINTRADE ZAKARIA TEWFIK WILL PRESIDE, PROVIDED
HE IS BACK FROM MOSCOW BY THEN. MINTRADE UNDER SECY
SHOUKRI EL NAHHAL WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE. INDIA WILL
SEND TRADE MINISTER, WHILE YUGOSLAVIA WILL BE REPRESENTED
BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE AFFAIRS. ALTHOUGH
TRIPARTITE ECONOMIC COMMISSION WAS INTENDED PROMOTE
COOPERATION IN ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, PAPIC SAYS IT
HAS BEEN PRETTY MUCH LIMITED TO TRADE MATTERS. HE
NOTES THIS WILL BE THE FIRST SESSION ATTENDED BY AN
INDIAN REP SINCE SADAT'S IMPLIED CRITICISM OF INDIA
FOR REFUSING MILITARY SPARE PARTS BECAUSE OF SOVIETS.
HE UNDERSTAND INDIANS ARE A BIT ANNOYED AT
PUBLICITY GOE HAS GIVEN TO THE TURNDOWN. IT IS
POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT THERE COULD BE A FEW SPARKS.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, BEGINNING MAY 10, JOINT EGYPTIAN-
YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL MEET. SAME
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EGYPTIAN AND YUGOSLAV PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVOLVED.

3. YUGOSLAV AMB IS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF GOE MANAGEMENT OF ITS ECONOMY. HE NOTES SEVERAL YUGOSLAV PROJECTS HAVE BEEN OFFERED WELL OVER TWO YEARS AGO WITH NO DECISIONS YET TAKEN. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, HE DOUBTS THAT EITHER OF THESE TWO MEETINGS WILL PRODUCE ANY DRAMATIC RESULTS.

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